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MARCH 16 TURKISH PRESS REPORTS THE FOLLOWING MFA COMMUNIQUE
ON ISRAEL'S CURRENT MILITARY OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON:
BEGIN TEXT

IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT A LARGE OPERATION OF EXTERMINATION
HAS BEEN INITIATED AGAINST PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN
SOUTHERN LEBANON, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ISRAELI
AIR FORCE, IN RETALIATION AGAINST THE DEPLORABLE TERROR
ACTION WHICH TOOK PLACE NEAR TEL AVIV LAST SATURDAY AND
WHICH CAUSED THE LOSS OF LIVES OF SOME CIVILIANS. TURKEY
HAS NEVER APPROVED OF TERROR ACTIVITIES WHICH COST THE
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LIVES OF CIVILIANS, EVEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING
POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. HOWEVER, THE QUARTERS WHO ARE
COMPLAINING OF THESE INCIDENTS CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED WHEN
THEY ENGAGE IN RETALIATORY TERROR ACTIONS AGAINST
CIVILIANS IN THE SAME MANNER. FURTHERMORE, IT IS
NOT POSSIBLE TO APPROVE OF THE VIOLATION OF THE FRONTIERS
OF AN ARAB AND NEIGHBOR COUNTRY SUCH AS LEBANON IN THE

PROCESS OF ENGAGING IN THIS TYPE OF OUT-OF-PROPORTION
RETALIATORY ACTION. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS TYPE OF ACTIONS
TAKING PLACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL END ONLY WITH THE
RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL AND LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE
PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE. WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT
THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE SOLVED WITHOUT DELAY AND WITH
PRIORITY IN ORDER TO BRING A LASTING AND PERMANENT
SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. END TEXT.
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